

Lockheed Martin Introduces Interactive Software Package To Assist 3rd Graders Preparing For Standardized Tests

New Software Program 'SOLAR' Unveiled in North Philadelphia

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Lockheed Martin Management & Data Systems (M&DS), in conjunction with Penn State University, today introduced a new interactive software package designed to assist third grade students in preparing for standardized tests. The Standards of Learning Activities Review -- "SOLAR" -- is designed for teachers to use with their classes.

SOLAR features grade-specific, game-style practice questions that engage students in a way that makes them truly enjoy learning. The software tracks individual students' answers and final scores so that areas needing further attention can be strategically addressed.

SOLAR was introduced today at the Alexander McClure School in Philadelphia, PA. Philadelphia is one of the first school districts in the nation to receive and implement this new software package.

"Our company, and more importantly, our employees are committed to improving the communities where we live and work," said Marc Hansen, President, Lockheed Martin M&DS. "SOLAR is an innovative system that was designed to help students learn, improve their test scores and have fun."

Lockheed Martin's Network of Volunteer Associates (NOVA) developed SOLAR as part of its ongoing community service initiatives.

"The Philadelphia School District is very excited about the opportunity for learning that SOLAR presents," said Dr. Ellen Linky, Regional Superintendent, Philadelphia School District. "Lockheed Martin has shown itself to be a great partner for the Philadelphia School District and especially for our children."

Management & Data Systems (<http://mds.external.lmco.com/>), headquartered in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, has been a leader in systems integration, systems engineering, software development and program management in support of vital national systems for more than 30 years. M&DS is a unit of Lockheed Martin Corporation with approximately 8,000 employees at facilities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area, Virginia and Maryland.

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